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GREATER TUCSON AREA'S BEST WORKPLACES FOR COMMUTERSSM COALITION

Pima Association of Governments

Pima Association of Governments (PAG) is a non-profit corporation established in 1970 to coordinate regional planning activities related to issues that cross jurisdictional boundaries in Pima County, such as air quality, water quality, transportation, land use, and social services. Its authority is derived from federal and state laws, and from Intergovernmental Agreements. PAG's mission is to provide accurate, credible information to local governments and agency officials so that they can make informed decisions for the region's future.

www.pagnet.org

The Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

The Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, representing over 2,600 companies and celebrating its 107th anniversary this year, strives to lead all public and private interests in the Tucson Metropolitan area to develop a climate in which business can create jobs and operate at a profit. Supporting new and existing business, the Chamber embraces opportunities for community collaboration, facilitating communication and cooperation between all interested community and Chamber stakeholders on issues affecting business and economic progress. www.tucsonchamber.org

The Greater Tucson Economic Council

A true public/private partnership, GTEC is a cooperative effort between Pima County, The City of Tucson, Marana, Oro Valley, and more than 300 private-sector business partners. GTEC's mission is to attract and retain quality jobs for Greater Tucson by serving as the focal point for the public and private sectors to identify economic issues, and to coordinate and facilitate relevant economic development activities that are critical for the financial health of the community. In consonance with this mission, GTEC's goals are to market the region to generate qualified business/industry prospects and leverage public-private resources to locate prospects, improve competitiveness, and sustain regional economic vitality. www.opportunitytucson.org

The Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

The Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is an organization that has been "Serving Tucson's Business – Community Since 1989". One of the goals of The Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is diversity along with Leadership, Integrity and Dedication to its members and the community. We are continually looking for ways to partner with all facets of the business community to achieve goals that will be mutually beneficial. www.hispanicchambertucson.org

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Sun Tran

Sun Tran is the City of Tucson's public transportation provider. Transit services are also extended to Pima County, City of South Tucson, Marana and Oro Valley through intergovernmental agreements. As a major Tucson employer, Sun Tran's diverse team of over 500 employees strive to provide safe, customer-focused service to the community. Over 50 local businesses help eliminate traffic congestion and reduce air pollution through their participation in Sun Tran's Get on Board program, a partnership that encourages transit usage for employees. Sun Tran is committed to make customer satisfaction its destination. www.suntran.com

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Through Best Workplaces for CommutersSM, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recognizes employers nationwide that offer outstanding commuter benefits. Participating organizations achieve a *National Standard of Excellence*, as defined by program criteria, that includes offering employees commuter benefits such as transit passes, vanpool subsidies, carpool matching, bike lockers, or compressed work schedules. Supporters of Best Workplaces for CommutersSM are working together with EPA to promote commuter benefits. www.bestworkplacesforcommuters.gov or www.bwc.gov